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SUBJ: PCP HEWS TO THE MOSCOW LINE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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1. THE WHOLLY-MERITED FAME OF THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY (PCP) AS MOSCOW'S MOST FAITHFUL SERVANT IN WESTERN EUROPE IS REFLECTED IN ITS UNRECONSTRUCTED HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD. ITS BLACK-AND-WHITE MORAL OPTIC IS ORTHODOX, MARXISM-LENINISM: INVARIABLY, A NATION IS SAINT OR SINNER DEPENDING ON WHICH SIDE OF THE CLASS STRUGGLE IT IS ON. UNLIKE THE "EUROCOMMUNIST" PARTIES--PARTIES WHICH IT STOUTLY HOLDS AT ARM'S LENGTH (REFTEL THE PCP HAS CONSISTENTLY PRAISED THE HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD OF THE USSR. THE FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES PCP POSITION ON VARIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS TOPICS.

-- SOVIET DISSIDENTS: SOVIET DISSIDENTS ARE A MERE HANDFUL OF INDIVIDUALS, "COMMONLY ANTI-SOCIAL ELEMENTS", AND OFTEN "COMMON CRIMINALS ELEVATED TO DISSIDENT STATUS." "THE MAJORITY ARE DIRECTLY LINKED TO KGB, A SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION. . . THAT COLLABORATED WITH THE NAZIS DURING WORLD WAR II."

-- WESTERN SUPPORT FOR DISSIDENTS: SUCH SUPPORT IS PART OF "GIGANTIC IDEOLOGICAL AND PROPAGANDISTIC OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES." ITS PURPOSE: TO "CAMOUFLAGE

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IMPERIALISM'S AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS." ITS PLANS:

"TO AUGMENT ITS MILITARY FORCES AND TO INTENSIFY THE ARMS RACE, TO UNLEASH A SECOND COLD WAR, TO DISCREDIT. . . SOCIALISM, AND TO DISTRACT FROM CAPITALISM'S PROFOUND CRISIS."

-- ATTACKS ON WESTERN RECORD: PCP ATTEMPTS TO DEFLECT WESTERN CRITICISM ARE ALWAYS ACCOMPANIED BY LENGTHIER ATTACKS ON THE WEST'S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD. IN SUCH ATTACKS, THE

PCP BELABORS PAST WESTERN INTERVENTIONISM; ITS TIES WITH ISRAEL,  
SOUTH AFRICA, AND RIGHT-WING DICTATORSHIPS; AND ITS FAILURE TO  
PROVIDE ITS CITIZENS WITH FUNDIMENTAL "ECONOMIC RIGHTS."

2. IN SUMMARY, THERE HAS BEEN NO EVOLUTION IN THE PCP'S  
SLAVISHLY PRO-MOSCOW LINE ON HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION.  
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NOTE BY OC/T: REFERENCES AS RECEIVED; APPARENTLY INCORRECT.

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